

## SUMMER RESORTS.

**Culture and Education.**

There is a good deal of talk and more sarcasm than there is sense, about the farming community as well as the city people, and you find its influence everywhere you go. No part of the United States has a higher average of culture. There is no house into which a newspaper or magazine does not come. The rural delivery carriers leave one or more magazines at the beginning of each month. Three-quarters of a million population in the three-quarters of a million population in the Union have so high an average of intelligence, and none has a better average of culture, than Oklahoma. The school fund of Oklahoma is thirty millions of dollars, and the proceeds are being wisely expended.

There is a large number of schools in the territory, and according to the last report there were 2,578 school houses, valued at \$1,781,811. \$1,206,278 was paid out in salaries for teachers, and nearly every one of the 2,000,000 children in the State was in school. There is a library in every town, and Carnegie has been generous toward the larger towns, and the smaller towns you will find neighborhood libraries in the school houses that are distributed throughout the territory. Oklahoma has twenty-eight daily newspapers, 283 weeklies, 23 monthlies and 5 semi-monthlies. Each month is well supplied with the latest news, and the newspapers are up to date, with telegraph news from all over the world, and I do not think you can hear more intelligent comments upon the news or more complications than among the farmers of this section. There is a "board of strategists" in the territory, and their approach of the Baltic fleet toward Vladivostok furnished a topic for controversy more exciting than have occurred in this territory. The "Land of the Future" expelled from "the Land of the Fair God."

**A Church-Going People.**

You will be surprised at the church statistics. Some eastern people have a very incorrect idea of "the wild and woolly west," and I do not suppose they will believe me when I say that the ratio of church membership in Oklahoma is higher than it is in the New England states. In the territory there are 65,000 churches, and the membership of the various churches was 195,044, and there were 80,000 scholars in the Sunday schools. The 34,000 massed figures of mental calculation you will find that this is a very high proportion; and if you will compare it with the returns from other States, you will find that the Oklahoma figures are no more surprising than they are found in the statistics of crime, Oklahoma has no penitentiaries. She has to be content with the Federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, where she sent up only 196 convicts, of whom seven were women. I doubt if any other State can show a better proportion.

On the 1st of January, 1905, Oklahoma had nearly 6,000 miles of railway, the longest in the Union. It was constructed in four years. The revenues for the railroads for 1904 were \$2,554,012. The revenues for 1905 were \$2,554,012. The revenues for 1906 were \$2,554,012. The revenues for 1907 were \$2,554,012. The revenues for 1908 were \$2,554,012. The revenues for 1909 were \$2,554,012. The revenues for 1910 were \$2,554,012. The revenues for 1911 were \$2,554,012. The revenues for 1912 were \$2,554,012. The revenues for 1913 were \$2,554,012. The revenues for 1914 were \$2,554,012. The revenues for 1915 were \$2,554,012. The revenues for 1916 were \$2,554,012. The revenues for 1917 were \$2,554,012. The revenues for 1918 were \$2,554,012. The revenues for 1919 were \$2,554,012. The revenues for 1920 were \$2,554,012. The revenues for 1921 were \$2,554,012. The revenues for 1922 were \$2,554,012. The revenues for 1923 were \$2,554,012. The revenues for 1924 were \$2,554,012. 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